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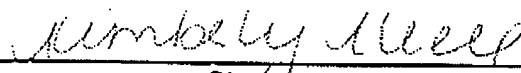
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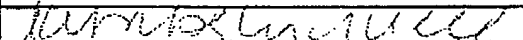
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**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005.

The **Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 2 of this Response and any amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims included therein.The **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 6 of this Response.The **Amendments to the Drawings** commence on page 7 of this Response.The **Remarks** section begins on page 8 of this Response.